

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
WOOD RIVER WATERSHED ADVISORY GROUP  
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2004  
FAIRFIELD, IDAHO**

Vice-Chairman Vernon Ravenscroft called the meeting with the following in attendance. Vernon Ravenscroft, Jo Lowe, Joe Schwarzbach, Roger Parker, Bryan Ravenscroft, Carol Blackburn, Jerry Nance, Chuck Pentzer, Lynn Harmon, Bill Davis, Jack Straubhar, IDWR representatives Allen Merritt, Dave Blew, North Snake Ground Water, Jeff Martin, Water Master for 37 & 37M, Kevin Lakey, DEQ representatives Jennifer Claire and Sonny Buhidar. (This may be an incomplete list as the attendance roll was misplaced at the meeting. Daryle was in Ohio and Dana was in Florida)

**Minutes:** Minutes for March 23, 2004 were reviewed. Jack made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Jerry seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote unanimous.

**WAG Web Site:** Roger presented an update on the creation of the WAG Web site. He said he has the basic web site built but he has not worked on it recently as he needs the guidance from the WAG Board. He feels we need to come up with some written material and he can't do that himself. He would entertain thoughts from the Board on how they would like it done. Roger passed around a handout, which listed some of the titles and some ideas. Some of the information, like "What is WAG", needs definition and perhaps the by-laws, mission statement and etc. It could be text form or word document so he could put it onto the web page. Jo Lowe is also helping with the web site. Roger also does not want to input anything without the WAG's authorization. Sonny offered his help. Bryan said the WAG by-laws and mission statement were in the old minutes. Lynn felt the information is there, we just need to research it. Chuck offered to send over some watershed maps. Joe said he could also give him information for the Camas drainage. Jack suggested that the minutes could be summarized and put on the web site. Jennifer said DEQ has the minutes on their web site so the WAG could direct people that direction. Roger reiterated he needs help from the group to create the web site. The group continued to brainstorm ideas.

Vernon introduced guest Alan Merritt, Dept. of Idaho Water Resources. Alan introduced Dave Blew from the State office, which is the recharge specialist. Vernon also welcomed Jeff Martin, North Snake Ground Water District, who represents well-water pumpers. All three guests presented information.

**Ground Water Recharge:** Alan gave a 5-point presentation for the group. He said there is also a lot of information on their web site.

(The tape of approximately 1 – 1 ½ hrs. is available for anyone who would like to hear the meeting in its entirety)

Handouts included a fact sheet on the "Control Volume of Hydrologic Basin Above Milner Dam" and "The Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Mitigation, Recovery and Restoration Agreement For 2004".

The Agreement was entered into between the State of Idaho, spring users in the Thousand Springs Reach of the Snake River and the Magic Valley Ground Water District (MVGWD) and the North Snake Ground Water District (NVGWD). The term of this Agreement shall extend from March 15, 2004 to March 15, 2005.

It details the Legislative Commitments, Executive Branch Commitments, State Congressional Commitments, Ground Water User Commitments, Spring User Commitments and General Provisions.

The next meeting will be held in Carey at 7:30 P.M. on May 25, 2004. The meeting for June was set for the 22nd at 7:30 P.M. in Fairfield.

Whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

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Daryle James  
Chairman